

REMARKS

Applicants thank the examiner for examination to date including indication of the allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-12 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 3, 9 and 12 are currently being amended.

Claims 2 and 10 are cancelled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejections

Claims 9, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Guanti *et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse in that Guanti *et al.* does not disclose every element the claims, as amended.

This rejection is rendered moot with respect to claim 10 since this claim has been cancelled.

Claims 9 and 12 require the presence of a lipase enzyme selected from the group consisting of *Candida antarctica* lipase, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* lipase, *Pseudomonas cepacia* lipase, *Porcine liver* esterase and *Candida rugosa* lipase. Guanti *et al.* does not disclose any of the above species and therefore does not read on the claims as currently amended. Hence a case of anticipation is not present. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Guanti *et al.* in view of Landgrand *et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse in that this combination fails to meet every limitation of the claims as amended.

This rejection is moot with respect to claims 2 and 10 since these claims are cancelled.

The rest of the claims as amended, each require the presence of a lipase enzyme selected from the group, or a subset of the group, consisting of *Candida antarctica* lipase, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* lipase, *Pseudomonas cepacia* lipase, *Porcine liver* esterase and *Candida rugosa* lipase. Guanti *et al.* does not disclose any of the above species. Likewise, Langrand *et al.* does not disclose any of the claimed lipase enzymes and therefore does not cure deficiencies of Guanti *et al.* As such, this combination of references fails to meet every limitation of the claims as amended.

For Claim 4, Guanti *et al.* and Langrand *et al.* were applied similar to above, except in further view of Wang *et al.* However, Wang does not disclose any of the claimed lipase enzymes either. Therefore, this rejection is also traversed.

The references taken individually or in combination fail to meet every element of the claimed invention. The obviousness rejections are therefore traversed and applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the same.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to

Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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